REMARKS

Disposition of the Claims

Claims 1, 6-8, 24, 28, 30, 40-44, 52, 58-59 and 61 are presently pending. Of these, Claims 31, 32, 40-44 and 61 are withdrawn from consideration. However, upon allowance of elected Claim 1, these withdrawn claims will be eligible for rejoinder, and such action is respectfully requested.

The following addresses the substance of the Office Action.

Objection to Claim 61

Claim 61 has been amended as requested by the Examiner, and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶4

Claim 60 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, fourth paragraph. This claim has now been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Rejections based on Liu et al. alone or in view of Other References

As discussed in the Summary of the Interview, the Examiner agreed that the amendment of Claim 1 to recite the term "continuous" would overcome the prior art rejections based on Liu et al. All of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are based on Liu et al. either alone or in view of other references. In view of the amendment made to Claim 1, from which all other claims ultimately depend, withdrawal of these rejections over Liu et al. is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicants' amendments to the Claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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